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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT,
Foreign Broadcast Information Service,
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8th August, 1947

M. Frost, Esq.,
Director,
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British Broadcasting Corporation,
Caversham Park,
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Dear Mr. Frost,

Confirming our conversation today, I have now received formal approval from the Foreign Office for the transfer of the FBIS Monitoring Station in Cairo to Cyprus. This having been agreed, we propose that the BBC and FBIS should exchange material on the following basis -

(1) FBIS will select up to twenty thousand words per day from material intercepted from the FBIS monitoring stations covering the Far East and Latin America and transmit this wordage to Caversham at no cost to BBC. The selection will be in accordance with broad BBC directives.

FBIS will provide the personnel to undertake the selection of the material in Washington, free of cost to the BBC unless at any time the BBC should wish to provide its own personnel for this purpose.

(2) FBIS will deliver to the Cables and Wireless Terminal in Cyprus up to a maximum average of ten thousand words per day of material selected from its coverage of Russian, Balkan and Middle Eastern transmitters of mutual interest to FBIS in Washington and BBC at Caversham. BBC should undertake to cover the cost of transmission of this material by Cables and Wireless from Cyprus to London at the Press rate of 1d. per word.

(3) BBC will continue to make available to the FBIS at Caversham, the product of all material intercepted by BBC at Caversham.

(4) It should be mutually understood that if either organisation wishes to terminate or alter this arrangement, it should give a minimum of 90 days' notice to the other organisation.

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It does not appear likely that FBIS will be able to start operating its monitoring station on Cyprus prior to February 1948. We are very anxious to obtain approval from BBC to proposal number (2) above so that work can be started on the Cyprus station with the least possible delay.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted], Chief,
Foreign Broadcast Information Service.

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